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Reply Brief Noted (see attachment).

### DETAILED ACTION

- This action is responsive to the following communication: Reply Brief filed on 1/13/06 and IDS filed on 12/6/05 (respectively).
- The reply brief filed 1/13/06 has been entered and considered but no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
- IDS filed on 12/6/05 has been considered and herein attached (PTO 1449) with this communication.

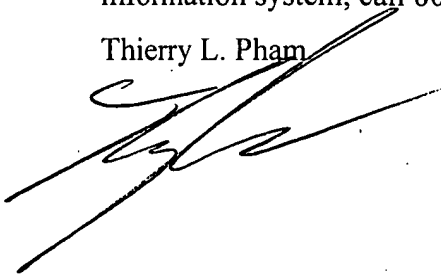
### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571) 272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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